



*We would like to thank everyone
for their love and support during this difficult time.*

*We realize how truly blessed we are to have
such wonderful family and friends.*

*Your expressions of sympathy
will never be forgotten.*

*All are warmly invited to gather
in the church Fellowship Hall following
the service for refreshments and conversation.*

- The Family of Merwin "Perk" Perkins



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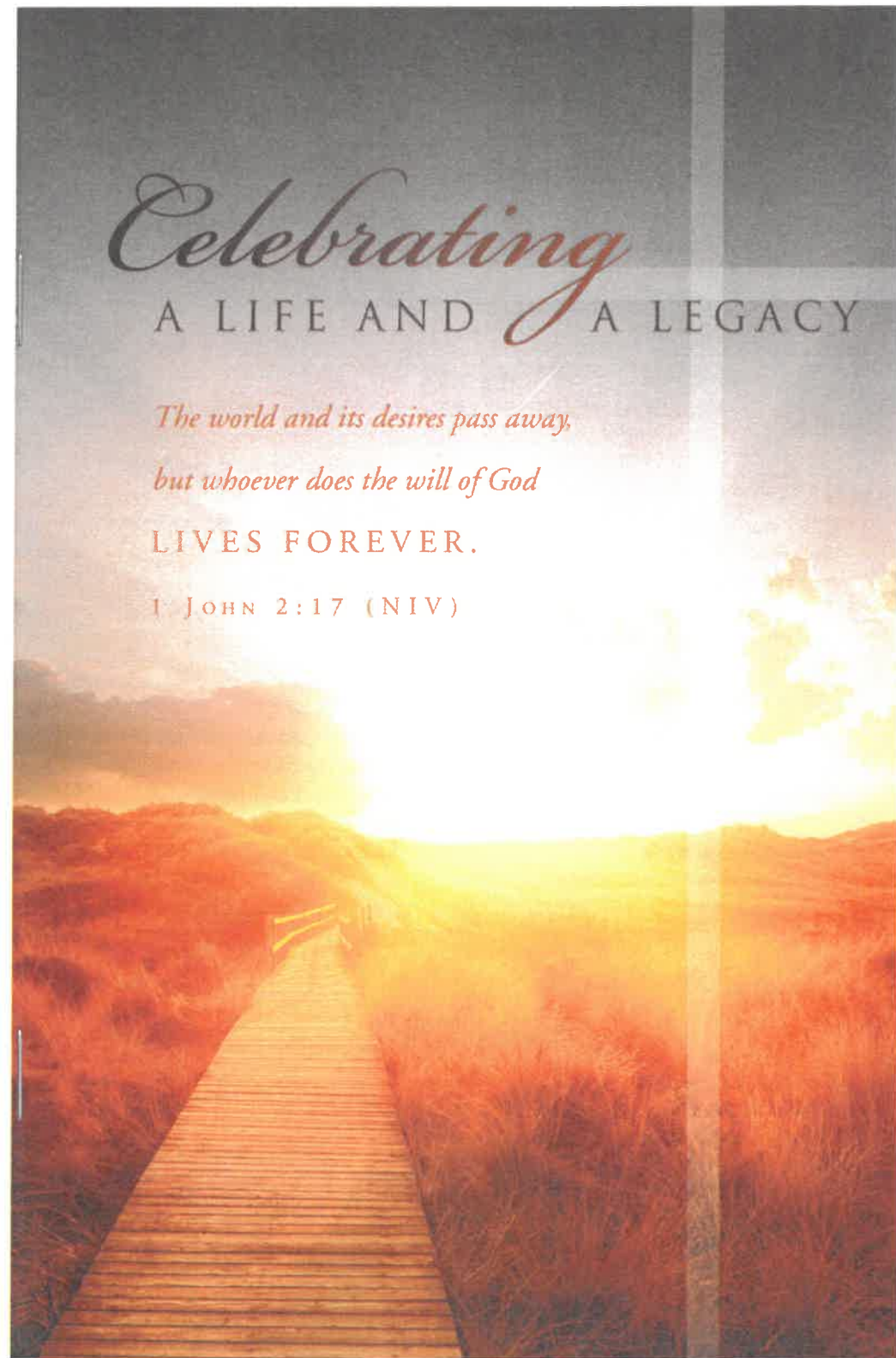
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Celebrating A LIFE AND A LEGACY

*The world and its desires pass away,
but whoever does the will of God*

LIVES FOREVER.

1 JOHN 2:17 (NIV)



A Service Celebrating the Life of Merwin Alfred Perkins

Born: October 21, 1930 † Died: August 2, 2022

Wednesday, August 10, 2022
3:00 p.m.



Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.
We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified
and risen, to remember before God our brother Merwin,
to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful
redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into
his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into
death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory
of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been
united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united
with him in a resurrection like his.

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his
baptism, Merwin was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's
coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW 838
vs. 1, 3

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
source of all mercy and giver of comfort,
graciously tend those who mourn,
that, casting all our sorrow on you,
we may know the consolation of your love;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WORD

Reading

Psalm 23

Reader: Brittany Seidl, granddaughter

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Reading

Psalm 118:21-24

Reader: Leah Mallon, granddaughter

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Reader: Susan Seidl, daughter

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after
he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak,
and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Time for Memories

**Ricky Perkins, son
Kristi Ebong, granddaughter
Jesse Perkins, grandson**

Special Music

Bryon Dockter

The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 14:1-6, 27

Jesus said ... "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God,
believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling
places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to
prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am,
there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I
am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you
are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him,
"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give
to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation

Pastor John Snider

Hymn

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

**ELW #697
vs. 1-3**

Refrain

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain***

**Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain***

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,
"I am the resurrection and the life."

Petition response: Pastor: ... God of mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

"On a Hill Far Away"
The Old Rugged Cross

TFF #77
vs. 1, 2, 4

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above,
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

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Sending

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude